



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,  
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**



*As we gather in prayer today, we acknowledge the Taungurung people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay respects to the past and present Elders of the Kulin nation and extend that respect to any Aboriginals present. Welcome to all, especially, to newcomers and visitors. **Please observe social distance and sanitise your hands on entering and when you leave the church. Please have you mask on during the service and remove only on receiving communion.** Our service starts on page 119 of *A Prayer Book for Australia**

**HYMNS: 134; 447; 217; 272**

**Sentence:** Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. *Matthew 9.35*

## THE COLLECT

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending: enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy Chapter 18.15 – 20

<sup>15</sup> The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup> This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ <sup>17</sup> Then the Lord replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup> Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup> But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow each reading*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 111

**Said/ Sung: I will praise the Lord with my whole heart**

<sup>1</sup> O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart: in the company of the upright and among the congregation. <sup>2</sup> The works of the Lord are great: and studied by all who take delight in them. <sup>3</sup> His deeds are majestic and glorious: and his righteousness stands for ever. **I will praise the Lord with my whole heart**

<sup>4</sup> His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and merciful. <sup>5</sup> He gives food to those that fear him: he remembers his covenant for ever. <sup>6</sup> He showed his people the power of his acts: in giving them the heritage of the heathen. <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just: and all his commandments are sure; **I will praise the Lord with my whole heart**

<sup>8</sup> They stand firm for ever and ever: they are done in faithfulness and in truth. <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever: holy is his name and worthy to be feared. <sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and of good understanding are those that keep his commandments: his praise shall endure for ever. **I will praise the Lord with my whole heart**

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 8.1 – 13

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup> but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup> Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' <sup>5</sup> Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup> It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup> But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup> But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia! **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Chapter 1.21 – 28

## **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

For the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Let us pray:

Merciful God, we pray for a just and peaceable society: we pray for all who suffer from the effects of the COVID pandemic, those who suffer from economic exploitation; for all who are victims of tyranny and oppression. When we close our eyes to the injustices of the world, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for responsible stewardship of your creation: we pray for peoples whose lands are polluted and livelihoods ruined; for creatures whose habitats are destroyed. When we are greedy and careless in our use of the world resources, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministry and mission of your worldwide church: We pray for the church in Australia, its clergy, Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our Bishop and people; for all who have not heard your good news. When we fail by our lives to proclaim your gospel, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wellbeing of those with whom we live and work: we pray for our families and all whom we love; for all with whom we share our daily lives. When our behaviour causes pain to those around us, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for relief and comfort of those in need: we pray for those whose bodies hurt, whose minds are confused; for those whose hearts are lonely and sad. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Beris Hannam, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Allan Rose, Beryl Kirby, Anne Rose and Candice Pearce ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer.* When our selfishness makes us indifferent to the needs of others, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who died in the faith of Christ; all who have heard and heeded your words. We pray for the recently departed Vicki Drusko and Edna Pearce and those whose anniversary of death we celebrate this week: Olive Hutchinson (31<sup>st</sup>); John Kirkpatrick, Diane Robins (1<sup>st</sup> February); Douglas Schofield (2<sup>nd</sup>); Jennifer Hedley (3<sup>rd</sup>); Geoffrey Booth, Ken Payne (4<sup>th</sup>); Sal Winnell, Patricia Anne Deuchar, Ross Mathiesen (5<sup>th</sup>); Charles Cunningham, Reginald Hearn (6<sup>th</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Cast out from us all that would keep us apart from you, that following in the footsteps of your saints we may, with them, be brought to a joyful resurrection and live in your presence. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause)  
Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. **Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*It is the custom of our church to invite all baptised communicant members of other Christian traditions to share in the Lord's Supper with us. Non-Communicants are invited to receive a blessing.*

## **NOTICES:**

**SERVICES AT BLUE CROSS RESIDENTIAL AGE CARE FACILITY WILL RESUME ON FRIDAYS.**

## **Finances:**

Our Parish is not able to rely on Funds being raised either by the OP Shop or many other fundraisers **at this time please consider your weekly offertory giving by giving through Direct Debit or just paying into our account at any Bendigo Bank.** As most bills require payment within one month it would be great if donors could consider monthly giving **as we cannot access any withdrawals from Trust accounts as it is for maintenance only and not for ministry and daily running cost.** Our costs have been cut to the very minimum and are being adjusted downwards as far as we can possibly take them.

**World Day of Prayer.** This year's World Day of Prayer is being hosted by the people of St Patrick's Kilmore on Friday March 5th. The time and further details will be coming shortly, but save this date. St Patrick's want to continue on from our very successful World Day of Prayer last year. All are very welcome.

**St Matthew's will be the host for Broadford.** Please let us know if you would like to assist Beryl Kirby with arrangements it will be highly appreciated.

**Rosters for Christ Church:** With the opening of our Church buildings, we now need to resume our Reading, Sidespeople, Dusting and Vacuuming rosters at Christ Church. With thanks to Shirley Evans, Sherine, and Patty for ensuring this has been done every week since October, but the time has come to share the jobs around. Please let Doug know this week if you can help. If you are unsure about returning to church because of COVID, please be assured that you can clean the church on your own without anyone else around if you prefer.

### **Direct Debit /EFT Offerings –**

Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore'; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Reference: Offertory

**Emergency Relief: We are in NEED of groceries for those who are doing it tough in our Parish. Please deliver it to the Rectory, it will be distributed every Friday morning.**

## **PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop Trading

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 10.30am Dianella RACF Eucharist

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew’s Broadford.  
 10.00am – 3.00pm Op shop Drop off and sorting

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop  
 10.30am – Eucharist at Blue Cross RACF

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am – 12.00 noon Op Shop

<b>Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b>		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew’s, Broadford	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	until	Further Notice

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 74	Ps 75; 76
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Genesis 18.22 – 19.11	Jeremiah 12.1 – 13
	Luke 2.1 – 7	Philippians 1.1 – 11
Tuesday	Ps 77	Ps 78.1 – 15
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Genesis 19.12 – 29	Jeremiah 13.1 – 17
	Luke 2.8 – 21	Philippians 1.12 – 20
Wednesday	Ps 78.16 – 38	Ps 78.39 – 70
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Genesis 20	Jeremiah 13.18 – 14.6
	Luke 2.41 – 52	Philippians 1.21 – 30
Thursday	Ps 80	Ps 81
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Genesis 21.1 – 21	Jeremiah 14.7 – 16
	Luke 3.1 – 14	Philippians 2.1 – 11
Friday	Ps 82; 84	Ps 85; 87
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Genesis 22.1 – 19	Jeremiah 14.17 – 15.9
	Luke 3.15 – 22	Philippians 2.12 – 18
Saturday	Ps 86	Ps 88
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Genesis 23	Jeremiah 15.10 – 21
	Luke 3.23 – 38	Philippians 2.19 – 30

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**Love in Action thank you all for your ongoing support.**

**Congratulations to Bruce and Barbara Radford** who were joint recipients of the Australia Day **Outstanding Citizens Award** in Broadford for their work with Love in Action. What a wonderful honour for their work in the community. Well done.

**Kilmore Community Garden meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 7.30pm at Christ Church.**